

East Sussex SACRE

Wednesday 26th February 2014 at 2:00pm
Claverham Community College, Battle

Present: Cllr Roy Galley (Chairman), Cllr Mike Pursglove, Cllr Richard Stogdon, Dr Norman Williamson, Mr Peter White, Dr Brenda Vance, Deacon Jon Miller, Ms Rebecca Gough, Mr Peter Ward, Mr Martin Lloyd, Ms Jill Bell, Mr Andrew Jervis,
Also present: Lilian Weatherley (Advisor to SACRE), Laura Carter (LA Advisor), Julie Stevens (Clerk)
Observers: Mr and Mrs T Betts

Item		ACTION
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies.</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made around the table. The Chairman welcomed Mr & Mrs Betts, parents of a pupil of Claverham College, who were present to observe the meeting, Apologies were noted from: Cllr Trevor Webb, Cllr Mike Blanch, Mrs Pat Lock, Imam Sajid, Ms Jenni Osborn, Ms Foujan Jenner, Dr Taleb Durgahee, Dr Tariq Rajbee, Rev Derek Bastide, Mrs Rosemary Roberts, Mr Mike Rundle. It was noted that Mr Afshin Taraz will be replacing Ms Foujan Jenner to represent the Baha'i community at future meetings.</p>	
2.	<p>Introduction to Claverham Community College</p> <p>Rebecca Gough, RE Subject leader at Claverham gave an overview of the College. There are 1200 pupils at the school, RE is taught with parity to history and geography. All pupils take the RE GCSE and study the subject in years 9 and 10. In year 10 the pupils have 1 RE lesson per week and although this is fast paced the results are just under 60% which is around the national average. Becky circulated some examples of work from the students.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes from the meeting 26th November 2013</p>	
3.1	<p>The minutes were agreed as an accurate account of the last meeting.</p>	
3.2	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>All action points had been completed. The conference to be discussed later in the meeting.</p>	
4.	<p>RE View</p> <p>Lilian Weatherley (LW) presented this item and drew attention to the section on the RE Quality Mark. Mike Rundle (ATL) had contacted LW enquiring if there was any funding available to enable schools to apply for the RE Quality Mark. It was agreed that it will have to be the school's responsibility to raise the funds to do this as there was no knowledge of any external funding to cover this.</p> <p><u>Network meetings</u></p> <p>Three network meetings had been held and received positive feedback. Any key issues raised at the meetings will be picked up at the conference.</p>	

	<p>Laura Carter (LC) confirmed that the RE Network meetings are to be advertised by the SLES (Standards & Learning effectiveness Service) events team and will send flyers to all schools. This is funded by SLES. These events are a good way of promoting RE and the work of SACRE. There are sufficient funds available to hold these events in other venues rather than schools if necessary.</p> <p>The Chairman stated it would be useful to invite members of SACRE to attend a network meeting in their area. It was agreed that LW would circulate dates and locations of the network meetings to the SACRE members.</p> <p><u>Report on Assessment from NAHT</u> LW drew attention to a new document that has been issued recently which may prove useful to link into RE. Copy available from LW if required.</p> <p><u>East Sussex Agreed Syllabus for RE</u> It appears that some discs are missing from schools, LW/Clerk to ensure discs are circulated.</p>	<p>LW</p> <p>LW/ Clerk</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Feedback from School Questionnaires</p> <p>The questionnaire had been circulated to all East Sussex schools and comprised of two sections: general questions and preferences for workshops for the conference.</p> <p>Only 38 schools had responded which equates to 20% of all East Sussex schools.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Conference 2014</p> <p>The following workshops had been agreed for the conference: Alan Brine; Senior HMI – Keynote speaker: Ofsted Report & Islam Lynda Ford-Horne – Judaism; continuity & progression Lilian Weatherley – Becoming a new Subject Leader; Planning RE Dave Francis – Secondary school input</p> <p>SACRE members agreed content of conference</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>SACRE Budget Update</p> <p>Laura Carter (LC) circulated the budget paper. LC advised the budget for 2014/15 was likely to remain at £5,000. There is currently £398 left in this year's budget which is allocated for stationery supplies and further use of LW's time.</p> <p><u>Breakdown of 2014/15 budget</u> £3400 RE Consultant Possible conference subsidy.</p> <p><u>Conference costs</u> Estimated in the region of £3500.</p> <p>The first option is if delegates pay full price of £116 each we would need 28 to 30 delegates for it to break even. Anyone above 28 would give £82 profit e.g. 50 delegates at full cost would mean 20 lots of £84 profit to go back into the SACRE budget.</p> <p>The second option is rather than making a profit, SACRE could subsidise everyone and make it more accessible for people to attend.</p> <p>It is currently advertised at the full fee but with the possibility of a subsidy if numbers are high enough.</p>	

	<p>The cost for SACRE members would be £32.00 which would be paid from the SACRE budget.</p> <p>All SACRE members agreed that they would rather reduce the profit made and decrease the cost and therefore as soon as over 28 delegates have registered the cost of the conference will be reduced and it will be advertised as such.</p> <p>The new Primary curriculum is also being launched which will hopefully encourage RE subject leaders to attend.</p> <p>The last conference made a small profit (subsidised cost) and this was ploughed back into the budget and used for more of LW's time.</p> <p>Stephen Lloyd MP attended the previous conference and was very well received. It was suggested if any of the Councillors have any contacts that know Stephen Lloyd then please do encourage him to attend.</p> <p>LC advised SACRE that next year's budget will need to be agreed in April with the Finance team at County Hall. LC asked SACRE if they agreed to a budget for 2014/15 to be used in the same way as this year. This decision was agreed by all members.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Collective Worship</p> <p>LW circulated a draft document that she had prepared on Collective Worship. LW gave an outline of the contents and welcomed questions from SACRE. LW also circulated a document on Determinations on Collective Worship and asked SACRE if they thought this should be included. It was highlighted that schools can apply to SACRE to hold a different type of worship e.g. rather than broadly Christian. It was noted that this determination is currently not included in the collective worship document.</p> <p>A school cannot apply not to have collective worship, they can only apply to change the type of collective worship.</p> <p>Peter Ward raised the point that the language in the collective worship document does not work for Catholic schools and it was agreed that LW would amend wording to apply to Anglican and Methodist schools.</p> <p>The Chairman agreed that the Determinations to be added as a further appendix to the collective worship document.</p> <p>Discussion followed with regards Ofsted and the fact that they do not measure if schools carry out the statutory requirements of daily worship. Their reasoning is as they cannot visit all schools they cannot measure the ones that they do visit. Ofsted do comment on the values of worship within Primary schools.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Development Plan</p> <p><u>Questionnaire</u></p> <p>A poor response was received from schools, LC suggested promoting this type of thing at the network meetings.</p> <p><u>RE Results Data</u></p> <p>Peter Ward suggested this may be of interest to SACRE. LC to approach the DRIM team to see if this can be produced for SACRE.</p>	<p>LC</p>

	<p><u>New members welcome packs</u> Clerk to send SACRE welcome packs to Cllr Stogdon and Cllr Pursglove.</p> <p><u>Capture the views of children & young people</u> Cllr Galley to find out what the Youth Cabinet do and is this is something they could help with.</p> <p><u>Academy representative at SACRE</u> It was suggested we write to RE leaders at secondary academies. LC to look into this.</p> <p><u>Rewrite the agreed Syllabus</u> LC confirmed that this is currently underway, St Mark's at Hadlow Down (teaching school) has been given a grant from the DfE to re-write the curriculum and include RE in this. Fiona Large, SLES consultant, is also doing some work on this. LC will discuss with LW so she can integrate with these people rather than work separately.</p> <p>Cllr Galley raised the concern of how do we know what is happening in all schools across the County regarding RE. Becky Gough suggested as a starting point that the members attend a network meeting as they discuss what is happening within schools at these meetings.</p> <p>Cllr Stogdon raised a concern that Beacon for example is now an Academy and as a councillor feels less inclined to become involved as it is not under the umbrella of the County Council. LC stated that Councillors need to remember that although these academies are not under local authority control they are still serving our children. The vast majority of academies in East Sussex are willing to work with the local authority. Councillors also need to keep an interest in academies as they are part of the community.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Galley</p> <p>LC</p> <p>LC</p>
10.	<p>A.O.B. The Chairman thanked Becky Gough for organising the meeting venue.</p>	
	<p>Dates of future meetings: RE Conference – Thursday 1st May at Deans Place, Alfriston</p> <p>25th June (AGM) 1:30pm County Hall, Lewes</p> <p>26th November 1:30pm, venue to be confirmed</p>	